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- b. On all revised pages, changed portions of the text are indicated by vertical lines in the left margin.

- c. Make the following pen and ink changes:

- (1) Wherever "MRC" appears change to "MSC."
- (2) Page 5, paragraph 6d(5), (2d line). Change "795-15" to "12-2."
- (3) Page 5, paragraph 6d(6), (5th line). Change "DARCOM-R 702-12" to "DARCOM-R 702-6."
- (4) Page 8, paragraph 9b. Delete "795-10" and change "795-15" to "12-2."
- (5) Page D-1, paragraph D-2, (3d line). Delete "(to be published)."
- (6) Page D-1, paragraph D-3d and e. Change "(ROID's)" to "(RODs)."
- (7) Page D-2, paragraph D-4b. Delete "resulting in missed required delivery date (RDD)."
- (8) Page D-2, paragraph D-4f and g. Change "ROID's" to "RODs."

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1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes policies and assigns responsibilities for--

a. Assuring that materiel furnished foreign governments by the US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) complies with grant aid (GA) agreements and foreign military sales (FMS) cases and requirements.

b. Taking corrective action where noncompliance occurs.

*This regulation supersedes AMCR 702-3, 30 July 1971 and all changes and changes RCS: AMCQA-121 to RCS: DRCQA-121.

2. Scope. This regulation applies to--

a. Headquarters, DARCOM, US Army Security Assistance Center, DARCOM major subordinate commands (MSCs), Depot System Command (DESCOM) and subordinate depots, project managers, and separate installations and activities reporting directly to Headquarters, DARCOM.

b. GA and FMS materiel selected for quality check prior to shipment to foreign governments.

3. Definitions. a. Grant aid. AR 12-10.

b. Foreign military sales. AR 12-8.

c. Quality check. For the purpose of this regulation, a quality check is a verification inspection of materiel in excess of normal inspection per paragraph d below to assure that serviceability, appearance, completeness, preservation, packaging, packing, and marking are in accordance with applicable directives and as required by FMS cases, GA agreements, or other requirements prior to shipment. Details for conduct of inspection are accomplished by use of DARCOM Form 1488-R (International Logistics Quality Check) at depots and Quality Assurance Letter of Instruction (QALI) at contractor plants/facilities. Quality checks are performed on materiel/items which are the same configuration, are bought to the same procurement specification and/or overhauled to the same depot maintenance work requirement; as that supplied to US Forces or in US Service Stocks.

d. Normal depot inspections. These inspections are performed in accordance with normal depot requirements and procedures (DESCOMR 702-1). The inspection system established by DESCOMR 702-1 and implementing regulations is an integral part and the first step of the quality check.

e. Preshipment inspection (PSI). This inspection is a special inspection which is in addition to that normally performed at depots (DESCOMR 702-1) and at contractor plants (DLAM 8200.1) to assure item serviceability prior to shipment. The inspection is accomplished for characteristics that are different from, or in excess of, those normally performed for materiel/items supplied to US Forces or in US Service Stocks. PSI is specific to the "special" configuration or characteristics. PSI may be performed in conjunction with the quality check. When this inspection is required, the PSI charges are to be treated as an add-on charge to either the standard or replacement price of the major item being sold. The PSI costs associated with the end item/sales case will be maintained separately and added into the total unit cost. DARCOM Form 1488-R is required at depots and a QALI is required at contractor plants.

f. Security assistance coordinator. Is the central control point and liaison for all actions pertaining to security assistance quality assurance matters.

4. Objective. To assure that all major end items and selected secondary items obligated for GA or FMS receive a quality check prior to shipment to assure all specified quality and serviceability requirements are met.

5. Policy. a. The depot commander is responsible for the quality of materiel shipped from sources under his/her jurisdiction. The appropriate procurement inspection element is responsible for the quality of materiel shipped from procurement sources. The quality standards for appearance and serviceability as prescribed in directives applicable to Security Assistance Program shipments (ARs 750-55, 12-1, 12-8, 12-10, and SB 742-2) will be applied to GA and FMS shipments. Materiel and equipment must be of uniform quality, conform to the specific configuration established in the agreements, and be complete with all accessories needed to perform the mission for which it was intended in accordance with terms and conditions of the sales case. Products that do not meet established standards will not be furnished without appropriate negotiated agreement with the recipient country. Exceptions will be processed on a case-by-case basis through the Commander, US Army Security Assistance Center, ATTN: DRSAC-OQ.

b. The DESCOM Depot Quality system (DESCOMR 702-1 and Defense In-Plant Quality Assurance Program (DLAM 8200.1) will be applied to GA and FMS materiel in accordance with established requirements and this regulation. Preventive measures will be employed to the maximum extent to preclude the shipment of materiel that does not conform to required standards.

c. MSCs and project managers may delegate the responsibility of quality checks to depots, contract administration offices (CAOs) and subordinate activities. The lead command shall not delegate quality checks of other commands' subassemblies, secondary items, end items, etc., to depots, CAOs, or subordinate installations without the prior concurrence of the responsible MSC. Established channels of communication will be used in dealing with CAOs.

6. Responsibilities. a. The Director of Product Assurance and Test, Headquarters, DARCOM is the primary office for all matters pertaining to Quality Assurance. A direct channel of communication will be maintained between the Security Assistance Quality Assurance Office and the Directorate for Quality Assurance, Headquarters, DARCOM.

b. The Director of Product Assurance, US Army Security Assistance Center (USASAC), DRSAC-OQ will--

(1) Exercise staff supervision and direction over the quality check program for security assistance materiel.

(2) Coordinate Security Assistance Program quality matters with DARCOM, DESCOM and MSCs and provide an interface between these headquarters and operating elements.

(3) Provide technical assistance and support of the MSC quality check teams at depots, contractor facilities, air terminals or ports for security assistance shipments.

(4) Provide guidance and staff assistance to operating quality elements as pertains to the security assistance programs.

(5) Maintain quality data, perform management reviews and develop managerial reports to evaluate/improve existing systems or procedures as they relate to the Security Assistance Program.

c. DARCOM MSCs or project managers will--

(1) Provide for quality checks on materiel designated to receive special attention.

(2) Establish the criteria for conducting quality checks of their assigned items, based on the definitions under paragraph 3c or 3e.

(3) Provide applicable contractual supplements for procurement of materiel in accordance with GA and FMS requirements if necessary.

(4) Assure that initial requirements or subsequent changes thereto are provided to the shipping activity in a timely manner.

(5) Assure that exceptions to approved GA and FMS cases are documented and approved by the customer.

(6) Designate the Director of Product Assurance to exercise staff supervision over the command quality check program.

d. MSC Director of Product Assurance will--

(1) Select a principal and alternate Command Security Assistance Coordinator (CSAC) and forward name, title, office symbol, installation address, AUTOVON and extension number of each selectee to the Commander, US Army Security Assistance Center, ATTN: DRSAC-OQ, New Cumberland Army Depot, New Cumberland, PA 17070. The CSAC will perform the functions outlined in appendix A.

(2) Furnish applicable depot commanders or CAOs and the CSAC with completed DARCOM Form 1488-R prepared in accordance with appendix C or QAILS prepared in accordance with DARCOM-R 702-6. Special quality requirements or variations in requirements, publications, and forms will be included.

(3) Provide personnel to perform quality checks at the depot or contractor's facility.

Appendix A

SCHEDULING AND FUNCTIONS OF
SECURITY ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

A-1. Forecasting and planning for quality checks. a. Forecasting for the purpose of planning and budgeting for quality checks will be accomplished using the International Logistics Supply Delivery Plan (ILSDP). This plan is updated and reviewed quarterly and is a commitment to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). Other sources of delivery information for forecasting are depots, contract administration offices, item managers, country desk officers, and HQ, USASAC.

b. The ILSDP will be reviewed to determine when major items and selected secondary items are candidates for the quality checks. A DARCOM Form 1488-R will be issued for all major items and selected secondary items determined to require a quality check whether delegated or not delegated. Specially designated and/or selected shipment (DARCOM-R 12-2) will normally receive special command attention. Planning will be based on the assumption all quality checks will be accomplished. If a requirement for PSI is established, performance of the PSI is mandatory.

Note. Care must be exercised by MSCs to avoid indiscriminate application of the preshipment inspection. This service should be offered to the customers only when extraordinary QA efforts are required to assure conformance to unique sales case requirements. It should not be used to charge the customers for QA efforts normally accomplished to meet other DOD requirements or where recoverable, recurring QA costs are identified through other means (AR 37-60).

c. A current copy of the ILSDP will be provided to the appropriate DESCOM depots by the MSCs on an as required basis.

A-2. The Command Security Assistance Coordinator (CSAC) will--

a. Participate in the preparation and the review of DD Form 1513 (US DOD Offer and Acceptance), to assure technical adequacy and selected quality requirements are included therein.

b. Plan and budget for quality checks using the ILSDP, OA, and other delivery information as a basis for planning.

c. Perform technical evaluations of suggestions, specifications, and regulations pertaining to security assistance quality assurance activities.

d. Establish and maintain direct channels of communication among counterparts at the other MSCs, depots, DARCOM, and DOD activities.

e. Assure adequacy and timely distribution of the DARCOM Form 1488-R to appropriate shipping points.

f. Coordinate quality check visits with the depots and contractor plants.

g. Obtain clarification of instructions received from higher headquarters that are questionable for any reason.

h. Coordinate with appropriate elements to assure all supplies comply with applicable directives and that required inspections have been accomplished prior to shipment.

i. Coordinate follow-up actions verifying that deficiencies are expeditiously corrected and applicable quality provisions are accomplished.

j. Furnish quality management data summarized for FMS and GA as outlined in appendix D.

A-3. The Depot Security Assistance Coordinator (DSAC) will--

a. Establish and maintain direct channels of communication among his/her DARCOM and DOD counterparts.

b. Coordinate on-post visits of quality check team personnel.

c. Obtain clarification of instructions received from MSCs that are questionable for any reason.

d. Coordinate planning and organize depot support in preparation for quality checks or preshipment inspections prior to the arrival of the quality check team.

e. Monitor all materiel release orders (MRO), DD Form 1348, containing exception data specifying inspections to assure the inspection is accomplished prior to shipment.

f. Verify that all depot supply and maintenance actions necessary for compliance with applicable directives and the DARCOM Form 1488-R have been accomplished prior to shipment.

g. Take follow-up action to verify that deficiencies are expeditiously corrected and applicable quality provisions are accomplished.

h. Furnish quality management data summarized for FMS and GA as outlined in appendix D.

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